

# 2- and 3-Loop Heavy Flavor Corrections to Transversity

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We calculate the two- and three-loop massive operator matrix elements (OMEs) contributing to the heavy flavor Wilson coefficients of transversity. We obtain the complete result for the two-loop OMEs and compute the first thirteen Mellin moments at three-loop order. As a by-product of the calculation, the moments  $N = 1$  to 13 of the complete two-loop and the  $T_F$ -part of the three-loop transversity anomalous dimension are obtained.

## 1 Framework

The transversity distribution belongs to the three twist-2 parton distribution functions (PDFs), together with those for unpolarized and polarized deep-inelastic scattering. It is a flavor non-singlet, chiral-odd distribution and can be measured in semi-inclusive deep-inelastic scattering (SIDIS) and via the polarized Drell-Yan process.<sup>a</sup> Different experiments perform transversity measurements at the moment, cf. Refs. [2]. Recently, a first phenomenological parameterization has been given for the transversity up- and down-quark distributions in Ref. [3], the moments of which are in qualitative agreement with first lattice calculations [4].

For semi-inclusive deeply inelastic charged lepton-nucleon scattering  $lN \rightarrow l'h + X$  the scattering cross section is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d^3\sigma^{\text{SIDIS}}}{dx dy dz} = & \frac{4\pi\alpha_{\text{em}}^2 s}{Q^4} \sum_{a=q,\bar{q}} e_a^2 x \left\{ \frac{1}{2} [1 + (1-y)^2] F_a(x, Q^2) D_a(z, Q^2) \right. \\ & \left. - (1-y) |\mathbf{S}_\perp| |\mathbf{S}_{h\perp}| \cos(\phi_S + \phi_{S_h}) \Delta_T F_a(x, Q^2) \Delta_T D_a(z, Q^2) \right\}, \quad (1) \end{aligned}$$

after the  $\mathbf{P}_{h\perp}$ -integration has been performed, [1]. We consider, for definiteness, only scattering cross sections free of  $\mathbf{k}_\perp$ -effects to refer to twist-2 quantities.  $x$  and  $y$  denote the Bjorken variables,  $z$  the fragmentation variable,  $Q^2 = -q^2$  the space-like 4-momentum transfer,  $\alpha_{\text{em}}$  the fine structure constant,  $e_a$  the quark charge, and  $s$  the cms energy squared.  $\mathbf{S}_\perp$  and  $\mathbf{S}_{h\perp}$  are the transverse spin vectors of the incoming nucleon  $N$  and the measured hadron  $h$ .  $F_a(z, Q^2)$ ,  $\Delta_T F_a(z, Q^2)$  and  $D_a(z, Q^2)$ ,  $\Delta_T D_a(z, Q^2)$  denote the unpolarized and transversity structure- and fragmentation functions, respectively. The angles  $\phi_{S, S_h}$  are measured in the plane transverse to the  $\gamma^*N$  axis between the  $x$ -axis and the respective vector. In process (1) the spin of the *transversely* polarized hadron  $h$  has to be measured.

The transversity distribution may also be measured in the transversely polarized Drell-Yan processes. In Mellin space the scattering cross section is given by, [5],

$$\frac{d\Delta_T\sigma^{\text{DY}}}{d\phi} = \frac{\alpha_{\text{em}}^2}{9s} \cos(2\phi) \Delta_T H(N, M^2) \cdot \Delta_T C_q^{\text{DY}}(N, M^2) \quad (2)$$

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<sup>a</sup>For a review see Ref. [1].

where  $N$  denotes the Mellin variable and  $\phi$  is the azimuthal angle of one of the final state leptons  $l^\pm$  relative to the axis defined by the transverse polarizations.

$$\Delta_T H(N, Q^2) = \sum_q e_q^2 [\Delta_T q_1(N, Q^2) \Delta_T \bar{q}_2(N, Q^2) + \Delta_T \bar{q}_1(N, Q^2) \Delta_T q_2(N, Q^2)]$$

is a combination of transversity parton distributions for the incoming light (anti-)quarks, and  $\Delta_T C_q^{\text{DY}}(N, M^2)$  denotes the Wilson coefficient of the Drell-Yan process, with  $M^2$  the invariant mass of the produced lepton pair.

Like in the case of unpolarized and polarized deep-inelastic processes transversity receives heavy flavor corrections in higher orders in QCD. These are given by the corresponding heavy flavor Wilson coefficients. As for other non-singlet quantities [6, 7], these corrections start at  $O(a_s^2)$ , with  $a_s = \alpha_s/(4\pi)$ . In SIDIS one can tag  $Q\bar{Q}$ -production in the same way as in the deep-inelastic process, [8]. A measurement is possible in high luminosity experiments. In the Drell-Yan process, on the other hand, heavy flavor contributions emerge inclusively since there the final-state  $l^+l^-$ -pairs are measured in the first place. The calculation of the heavy quark Wilson coefficients for  $Q^2 \gg m^2$  proceeds in the same way as in unpolarized and polarized deep-inelastic scattering [6, 7, 9, 10]

The complete Wilson coefficients for transversity can be decomposed into a light- and a heavy quark contribution

$$C_q^{\text{TR}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) = C_q^{\text{TR,light}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) + H_q^{\text{TR}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right). \quad (3)$$

As shown in [6], the heavy quark Wilson coefficient for hard processes factorizes into the light quark Wilson coefficients and the massive operator matrix element  $A_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR}}$  at large enough scales  $Q^2 \gg m^2$ . We apply this to the heavy flavor Wilson coefficient for transversity  $H_q^{\text{TR}}$

$$\begin{aligned} H_q^{\text{TR}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2}, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) &= C_q^{\text{TR,light}} \left( x, \frac{Q^2}{\mu^2} \right) \otimes A_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR}} \left( x, \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \\ &= a_s^2 \left[ \Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{NS,TR}}(N_f + 1) + \Delta_T \hat{C}_q^{(2)}(N_f) \right] + a_s^3 \left[ \Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{NS,TR}}(N_f + 1) \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{NS,TR}}(N_f + 1) \otimes \Delta_T C_q^{(1)}(N_f + 1) + \hat{C}_q^{(3)}(N_f) \right]. \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

The aim of this article is to present a computation of the renormalized two- and three-loop heavy-flavor operator matrix elements contributing to transversity. Details of the calculation are given in Ref. [11]. The operator matrix element  $\langle q | O^{\text{NS,TR}} | q \rangle$  is given by a two-point Green's function containing a closed loop of a heavy quark  $Q$  and external massless quarks  $q$ . The local operator is given by

$$O_{F,a;\mu\mu_1\dots\mu_n}^{\text{NS,TR}} = i^n \mathbf{S} \left[ \bar{\psi} \gamma_5 \sigma_{\mu\mu_1} D_{\mu_2} \dots D_{\mu_n} \frac{\lambda_a}{2} \psi \right] - \text{trace terms}, \quad (5)$$

cf. [12]. Here  $\mathbf{S}$  denotes symmetrization of the Lorentz indices,  $\sigma_{\mu\nu} = (i/2) [\gamma_\mu \gamma_\nu - \gamma_\nu \gamma_\mu]$ , and  $D_\mu$  is the covariant derivative. The Green's function in  $D = 4 + \varepsilon$  dimensions obeys the following vector decomposition

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{G}_{\mu,q,Q}^{ij,\text{TR,NS}} = J_N \langle q | O_{F,a;\mu\mu_1\dots\mu_n}^{\text{NS,TR}} | q \rangle &= \delta_{ij} \left\{ \Delta_\rho \sigma^{\mu\rho} \hat{A}_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR,NS}} \left( \frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}, \varepsilon, N \right) + c_1 \Delta^\mu \right. \\ &\quad \left. + c_2 p^\mu + c_3 \gamma^\mu \not{p} + c_4 \not{p} \Delta^\mu + c_5 \not{p} p^\mu \right\} (\Delta \cdot p)^{N-1} \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

contracting the OME with a source term  $J_N = \Delta^{\mu_1} \dots \Delta^{\mu_N}$ , with  $\Delta^2 = 0$ , with  $p$  the parton momentum. It determines the un-renormalized massive OME

$$\hat{A}_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR,NS}} \left( \frac{\hat{m}^2}{\mu^2}, \varepsilon, N \right) = \frac{-i \delta^{ij}}{4N_c (\Delta \cdot p)^{N+1} (D-2)} \left\{ \text{Tr} \left[ \not{\Delta} \not{p} p^\mu \hat{G}_{\mu,q,Q}^{ij,\text{TR,NS}} \right] \right. \\ \left. - \Delta \cdot p \text{Tr} \left[ p^\mu \hat{G}_{\mu,q,Q}^{ij,\text{TR,NS}} \right] + i \Delta \cdot p \text{Tr} \left[ p^\mu \hat{G}_{\mu,q,Q}^{ij,\text{TR,NS}} \right] \right\}. \quad (7)$$

A total of 129 diagrams contribute, which were generated using **QGRAF** [13]. These were projected onto  $\hat{A}_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR,NS}}$ , cf. [9], using codes written in **FORM** [14]. After tensor reduction, the loop integrals are of the tadpole-type, since the single external quark is on-shell and massless. The integrals were then evaluated using **MATAD** [15]. The renormalization of the OMEs is described in Ref. [9].

After mass- and charge renormalization one obtains the massive OMEs in the on-mass-shell scheme, cf. [9],

$$\Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{NS},\overline{\text{MS}}} = \frac{\beta_{0,Q} \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}}}{4} \ln^2 \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{\hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(1),\text{TR}}}{2} \ln \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) + a_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{TR}} - \frac{\beta_{0,Q} \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}}}{4} \zeta_2, \quad (8)$$

$$\Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{NS},\overline{\text{MS}}} = -\frac{\gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}} \beta_{0,Q}}{6} \left( \beta_0 + 2\beta_{0,Q} \right) \ln^3 \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{1}{4} \left\{ 2\gamma_{qq}^{(1),\text{TR}} \beta_{0,Q} \right. \\ \left. - 2\hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(1),\text{TR}} \left( \beta_0 + \beta_{0,Q} \right) + \beta_{1,Q} \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}} \right\} \ln^2 \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) + \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(2),\text{TR}} \right. \\ \left. - \left( 4a_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{TR}} - \zeta_2 \beta_{0,Q} \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}} \right) \left( \beta_0 + \beta_{0,Q} \right) + \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}} \beta_{1,Q}^{(1)} \right\} \ln \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \\ + 4\bar{a}_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{TR}} \left( \beta_0 + \beta_{0,Q} \right) - \gamma_{qq}^{(0)} \beta_{1,Q}^{(2)} - \frac{\gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}} \beta_{0,Q} \zeta_3}{6} - \frac{\gamma_{qq}^{(1),\text{TR}} \beta_{0,Q} \zeta_2}{4} \\ + 2\delta m_1^{(1)} \beta_{0,Q} \gamma_{qq}^{(0),\text{TR}} + \delta m_1^{(0)} \hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(1),\text{TR}} + 2\delta m_1^{(-1)} a_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{TR}} + a_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{TR}}, \quad (9)$$

at 2- and 3-loops. Here,  $\zeta_k$  denotes the Riemann  $\zeta$ -function at  $\gamma_{qq}^{(l),\text{TR}}$  are the transversity anomalous dimensions for  $l = 0, 1, 2$  in LO [16], NLO [5, 17], and NNLO [18], with  $\hat{f}(N_f) = f(N_f + 1) - f(N_f)$ . For the other quantities we refer to [9]. The new terms being calculated are  $a_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{TR}}(N)$ ,  $\bar{a}_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{TR}}(N)$  and  $a_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{TR}}(N)$ , and for the higher values of  $N$ ,  $\hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(2),\text{TR}}(N)$ .

## 2 Results

### 2.1 Massive Operator Matrix Elements

At  $O(a_s^2)$  the massive operator matrix elements for transversity  $\Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(2),\text{NS},\overline{\text{MS}}}$  are obtained for general values of  $N$ , cf. Eq. (8). The un-renormalized OME is computed to  $O(\varepsilon)$  to also extract the functions  $\bar{a}_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR},(2)}(N)$ . The new terms at 2-loops are  $a_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR},(2)}$  and  $\bar{a}_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR},(2)}$ , cf.

Eqs. (8, 9):

$$a_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR},(2)}(N) = C_F T_F \left\{ -\frac{8}{3} S_3 + \frac{40}{9} S_2 - \left[ \frac{224}{27} + \frac{8}{3} \zeta_2 \right] S_1 + 2\zeta_2 + \frac{(24 + 73 N + 73 N^2)}{18N(1+N)} \right\} \quad (10)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{a}_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR},(2)}(N) = C_F T_F \left\{ -\left[ \frac{656}{81} + \frac{20}{9} \zeta_2 + \frac{8}{9} \zeta_3 \right] S_1 + \left[ \frac{112}{27} + \frac{4}{3} \zeta_2 \right] S_2 - \frac{20}{9} S_3 \right. \\ \left. + \frac{4}{3} S_4 + \frac{1}{6} \zeta_2 + \frac{2}{3} \zeta_3 + \frac{(-144 - 48 N + 757 N^2 + 1034 N^3 + 517 N^4)}{216 N^2 (1+N)^2} \right\}, \quad (11) \end{aligned}$$

with  $S_k \equiv S_k(N)$  the single harmonic sums.

At  $O(a_s^3)$  the moments  $N = 1$  to 13 were computed for the massive OMEs, as e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{NS},\overline{\text{MS}}}(13) = & C_F T_F \left\{ \left( \frac{1751446}{110565} C_A - \frac{7005784}{1216215} T_F (N_f + 2) \right) \ln^3 \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \right. \\ & + \left( -\frac{20032048197492631}{2193567563187000} C_F - \frac{137401473299}{8027019000} C_A - \frac{93611152819}{3652293645} T_F \right) \ln^2 \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \\ & + \left[ \left( \frac{1705832327329042449983}{263491335690022440000} + \frac{7005784}{45045} \zeta_3 \right) C_F + \left( \frac{3385454488248191237}{65807026895610000} \right. \right. \\ & \left. \left. - \frac{7005784}{45045} \zeta_3 \right) C_A - \frac{458114791076413771}{6580702689561000} N_f T_F - \frac{217179304}{3648645} T_F \right] \ln \left( \frac{m^2}{\mu^2} \right) \\ & + \left( -\frac{7005784}{135135} B_4 + \frac{3502892}{15015} \zeta_4 - \frac{81735983092}{243486243} \zeta_3 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{55376278299522733837425052493}{122080805651901196900800000} \right) C_F + \left( \frac{3502892}{135135} B_4 - \frac{3502892}{15015} \zeta_4 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{4061479439}{12162150} \zeta_3 - \frac{3486896974743882556775647}{12935029206601101600000} \right) C_A \\ & + \left( -\frac{279922752632160355860697}{3557133031815302940000} + \frac{56046272}{1216215} \zeta_3 \right) T_F N_f \\ & \left. + \left( \frac{291526550302760070155303}{7114266063630605880000} - \frac{14011568}{173745} \zeta_3 \right) T_F \right\}, \quad (12) \end{aligned}$$

where

$$B_4 = -4\zeta_2 \ln^2(2) + \frac{2}{3} \ln^4(2) - \frac{13}{2} \zeta_4 + 16 \text{Li}_4 \left( \frac{1}{2} \right).$$

Like for the massive OMEs in case of unpolarized deep-inelastic scattering, the structure of  $\Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{NS},\overline{\text{MS}}}(N)$  is widely known for general values of  $N$ , except the contributions due to the finite part  $a_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{NS}}$  and the 3-loop anomalous dimension  $\hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(2),\text{TR}}(N)$ . One notices the cancellation of all  $\zeta_2$  terms in  $\Delta_T A_{qq,Q}^{(3),\text{NS},\overline{\text{MS}}}(N)$  after renormalization.

## 2.2 Anomalous Dimensions

The transversity anomalous dimension is given by

$$\gamma_{qq}^{\text{TR}}(N, a_s) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} a_s^i \gamma_{qq}^{(i), \text{TR}}(N). \quad (13)$$

From Eq. (9) one may determine the complete 2-loop anomalous dimension [5, 17] and the  $T_F$ -part of the 3-loop anomalous dimension [18]. We agree with the results given in [5, 17] and confirm the  $T_F$ -contributions for the moments  $N = 1$  to 8 given in Refs. [18]. Furthermore, we obtain  $\hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(3), \text{TR}} = \gamma_{qq}^{(3), \text{TR}}(N_f + 1) - \gamma_{qq}^{(3), \text{TR}}(N_f)$  newly for  $N = 9$  to 13, as e.g.

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\gamma}_{qq}^{(3), \text{TR}}(N = 13) = & -C_F T_F \left[ \frac{36713319015407141570017}{131745667845011220000} C_F - \frac{14011568}{45045} (C_F - C_A) \zeta_3 \right. \\ & \left. + \frac{66409807459266571}{3290351344780500} T_F (1 + 2N_f) + \frac{6571493644375020121}{65807026895610000} C_A \right]. \end{aligned}$$

## 2.3 A Remark on the Soffer Bound

If the Soffer inequality [19]

$$|\Delta_T f(x, Q^2)| \leq \frac{1}{2} [f(x, Q^2) + \Delta f(x, Q^2)] \quad (14)$$

holds for the non-perturbative PDFs in Eq. (14) one may check its generalization from  $f_i \rightarrow F_i$  for the corresponding structure functions. This includes the non-singlet evolution operator (Eq. (6), Ref. [20]) and the heavy flavor Wilson coefficient. At perturbative scales, it holds for the evolution operator [11], generalizing a result from [5] for the moments  $N = 1$  to 13 at 3-loops. For the heavy quark Wilson coefficients in SIDIS we only know the massive OMEs so far. As shown in Ref. [11], a final conclusion can only be drawn knowing the yet undetermined massless Wilson coefficients. Here the difference  $[A_{qq,Q}^V - A_{qq,Q}^{\text{TR}}](x)$  of the massive OMEs, shows a sign change to negative values for  $Q^2/m^2$  in the physical range. For large scales  $Q^2/m^2 \gg 1$  positive values are obtained.

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